GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL HEALTH CARE HUB
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a report prepared by the Confederation on Indian Industries (CII) that India is poised to develop into a regional health care hub with the US Dollar 17 billion health care industry growing at a rate of 13 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there was a huge shortage of hospital beds, low density of doctors per person and there is a need to strengthen linkages between Government and private sector participants;

(d) whether CII in its report had asked the Union Government to focus more on primary and secondary health care and leave tertiary care to private sector health providers; and

(e) if so, the decision of the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) : No report has been prepared by the CII on health care.However, various aspects of health care were discussed during a round table discussion with 18 Chief Executive Officers from health care institutions on 25th April, 2001.

(c) to (e) : The number of doctors per 10,000 population as well as beds per 10,000 population has shown a steady increase over time. The National Health Policy is presently under revision.The new National Health Policy shall consider various issues including inter-alia greater focus on primary health care.